

INVESTIGATIVE REPORT:

This report pertains to an investigation of the identification of the burial location of **two (2) members** of the Royal Flying Corps, during the Great War 1914-1921.

SUBMITTED TO:

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Report Date: 29 December 2016

Reason for Submission: ("X" means purpose of the report)

Casualty Identification:		Burial Information:	
Confirmed Identity	X	Burial Location Identified	X
Most Probable Identity		Grave Stone Correction	
Questionable Identity		Grave Records Correction	X
Incorrect Identity		Request for CWGC Details	
Buried Near This Spot Case	X	Exact Grave Unknown	X

Supporting Documents: (# refers to attachment number; "I" information provided)

Casualty Identification:		Burial Information:	
Fitzherbert, Wyndham Waterhouse Battersby, Philip Worsley	i	Messines Ridge British Cemetery	link
Royal Flying Corps	i	West-Vlaanderen, Belgium	i
Captain Fitzherbert (Observer)	link	Plot 4 Row E Grave 39	i
Lieutenant Battersby (Pilot)	link	Plot 4 Row E Grave 38	
Date of Death: 7 July 1917	i	COG-BR: 9 February 1920	i
Graves Registration Report	1	War Diary Extract(s)	
Concentration of Grave	2	RAF Vault Casualty Cards	7
Possible Candidates List	3	Headstone Photographs	8
The Sky Their Battlefield II	4	Memorial Inscription/Photo	
Area Map(s)	5	Reporting and Review	9
Trench Map(s)	6	New Zealand Record	10

Summary of Findings:

The Graves Registration Report form for Plot 4 Row E lists two (2) Commonwealth Airmen who are buried in Graves 38 and 39. It is not known which body is in which grave, thus they are "*Buried Near This Spot*".

A review of all the historic information leaves no doubt that these are the remains of the Pilot (Lieutenant Battersby - England) and his Observer (Captain Fitzherbert – New Zealand), lost in an air battle on 7 July 1917 near Pont Rouge, Belgium.

Details of Findings:

The findings are conclusive that the remains in Plot 4 Row E and Graves 38 and 39 are those of Captain Fitzherbert and Lieutenant Battersby. When the actual grave is unknown, it is my understanding that the headstones are placed alphabetically and they are named as *buried near this spot*.

The findings are based on the following:

1. The *Graves Registration Report Form* (GRRF) lists “Unknown British Airman” in each of Grave 38 and 39 in Plot 4 Row E of the Messines British Cemetery (Attachment #1). The date of death for both headstones is recorded as 7 July 1917.
2. The *Concentration of Graves – Exhumations and Reburials - Burial Return* (COG-BR) provides additional details on the location where the remains were recovered and details recorded at the burial site (Attachment #2). The remains were located at trench map coordinates **28.U.30.c.1.8**, very close to the Belgium-France border. A cross located at the burial site reads:

“In Memory of two unknown British Airmen. Died in fighting near Pont Rouge 7-7-17. Buried by enemy. Cross erected and grave tended by escort 166 POW 1919.”

3. The *CWGC Database* identifies six (6) airmen listed on the [Arras Flying Services Memorial](#) who have a reported date of death of 7 July 1917 and no known grave. (Attachment #3).
 - i. [Lieutenant James Crafter](#)
 - ii. [Lieutenant Philip Worsley Battersby](#)
 - iii. [Captain Wyndham Fitzherbert](#)
 - iv. [Lieutenant John Beveridge Fotheringham](#)
 - v. [Second Lieutenant Thomas Hewson](#)
 - vi. [Lieutenant Frederick Carl Henry Snyder](#)

For the record, we must also report that an additional airman is listed as having died on 8 July 1917 with no known grave, who we now know was killed in action on 7 July 1917 in the same aircraft as Lieutenant Crafter:

- vii. [Serjeant Walter Douglas Ackroyd Backhouse](#)

We have marked the attachment to also indicate the aircraft number associated with each airman. That places Serjeant Backhouse in **A6489**.

4. The authoritative text “[The Sky Their Battlefield II](#)” provides details on each of the flights for the airmen listed (Attachment #4). From this information we can determine the location and details pertaining to each casualty. Lieutenant Crafter (i) and Serjeant Backhouse (vii) in **A6498** were lost in combat over Hooze. Lieutenants Hewson (v) and Snyder (vi) in **A1029** crashed in the sector of

Houthem–Wytschaete-Hollebeke. Lieutenant Fotheringham in **A8281** was claimed in combat near Comines, along with [Lieutenant J. V. A. Gleed](#), who has a known grave in the Wytschaete Military Cemetery. For the record, Gleed's remains were located at **28.O.23.b.95.95** (COG-BR [1838239](#)). The last pair on the list, Lieutenant Battersby (Pilot) and Captain Fitzherbert (Observer) in **A7493** are reported down southwest of Warneton, slightly northwest of the Belgium-France border.

5. The *McMaster Lloyd Reed Collection of Great War Maps* was used to provide an overview of the area in which each of the flights, and associated airmen were lost based on the information provided by Trevor Henshaw (Attachment #5). This shows that Crafter and Backhouse went down to the southeast of Ypres in the **28.I.18** sector, the furthest north of all the flights. Hewson and Snyder were lost in the sectors defined as **28.O.19** east to **28.P.19**, still well north of where the remains in plane **A7493** were located. The location of Fotheringham is clearly established in the vicinity of **28.O.24.c**, based on the details for the exhumation of Gleed. The team on the farthest south locality was Battersby (the English Pilot) and Fitzherbert (the New Zealand Observer) who crashed southwest of Warneton, which places them in sector **28.U**.
6. A *UKNA Period Trench Map* provides a close up of the area where the remains were located, relative to the flight of Lieutenant Battersby and Captain Fitzherbert (Attachment #6). Also marked on this map is the location of *Pont Rouge* at **28.U.29.b.3.7**, as that was noted in the details on the cross. The remains were found at **28.U.30.c.1.8**, approximately 500 yards to the southeast.
7. The *Royal Air Force Archives* provide confirmation as to the loss of **A7493** with Lieutenant Battersby and Captain Fitzherbert on 7 July 1917 (Attachment #7). The file of Captain Fitzherbert also notes that a German message was dropped as to the fate of the aircraft and occupants.
8. The *Gravestone Photographs* were taken 31 December 2016 by Luc Degrande at the Messines Ridge British Cemetery (Attachment #8). Both photographs show “A British Airman of the Great War 7th July 1917”.

Action Required:

The “Investigative Report” has been prepared in accordance with the procedures and criteria set out by the CWGC, should they wish to make any changes to the commemoration details (Attachment #9).

It is our contention that the evidence is clear that the remains recovered at **28.U.30.c.1.8** that were buried in the Messines Ridge British Cemetery, Plot 4 Row E Graves 38 and 39 are those of British Lieutenant Battersby and New Zealand Captain Fitzherbert. There is insufficient information to determine the specific grave into which each of the occupants was buried, thus we can only say that they are *buried near this spot*.

Supplemental information regarding Captain Fitzherbert, serving as a New Zealander in the Imperial Forces, is appended (Attachment #10).

Note:

Supplemental information regarding Captain Fitzherbert, serving as a New Zealander in the Imperial Forces, is appended to this report (Attachment #10).

ATTACHMENT #1

Commonwealth War Graves Commission. Graves Registration Report Form.

<http://archive.cloud.cwgc.org/archive/doc/doc1821845.JPG>

COMPREHENSIVE REPORT

Army Form W. 3372.

GRAVES REGISTRATION REPORT FORM

D.N.D.G.R. & E.
SOUTH SUB DISTRICT
NO: 5 DISTRICT.
Serial No. 1396
COMMUNE: MESSINES
PLACE OF BURIAL MESSINES RIDGE ^{MILITARY} BRIT. CEMETERY.

REPORT No. 71 SCHEDULE No. 46c

Map Reference Sheet 28.U.2.a.3.9.

The following are buried here:— *All Exhumations*

Regiment	No.	Name PLOT 4	Rank and Initials	Date of Death	Cross Erected or G. R. U'd.	Plot, Row and Grave ROW "E".
<i>2nd Rn. Drago Regt. N.Z.E.F.</i>	27394	UNKNOWN AUS	SOLDIER	7.6.17	EPA/6204	26 ✓
		UNKNOWN N.Z.	SOLDIER			27 ✓
		UNKNOWN AUS	SOLDIER			28 ✓
		UNKNOWN N.Z.	SOLDIER			29 ✓
H.L.I.		UNKNOWN N.Z.	SOLDIER		ALL	30 ✓
		UNKNOWN BRITISH	SOLDIER			31 ✓
		UNKNOWN BRITISH	SOLDIER			32 ✓
		UNKNOWN BRITISH	SOLDIER			33 ✓
N.Z. R.B.		UNKNOWN N.Z.	SOLDIER		GROSSES	34 ✓
		UNKNOWN BRITISH	SOLDIER			35 ✓
		UNKNOWN BRITISH	SOLDIER			36 ✓
		UNKNOWN BRITISH	SOLDIER			37 ✓
2/ D.G.		UNKNOWN BRITISH	AIRMAN	7.7.17	3/20866	38 ✓
		UNKNOWN BRITISH	AIRMAN			39 ✓
		UNKNOWN BRITISH	SOLDIER			40 ✓
		UNKNOWN BRITISH	SOLDIER			41 ✓
RHODESIAN RIFLES 11/Taranaki Rfls		UNKNOWN BRITISH	SOLDIER		OR	42 ✓
		UNKNOWN BRITISH	SOLDIER			43 ✓
		UNKNOWN BRITISH	SOLDIER			44 ✓
		UNKNOWN BRITISH	SOLDIER			45 ✓
5/ North Staffs		UNKNOWN S.A.	SOLDIER		G.R.U'D.	46 ✓
		UNKNOWN N.Z.	SOLDIER			47 ✓
		UNKNOWN BRITISH	SOLDIER			48 ✓
		UNKNOWN BRITISH	SOLDIER			49 ✓
		UNKNOWN BRITISH	SOLDIER			50 ✓

ENTERED 149-20
SLIPS CHECKED a.c. 8-11-20.

(G 31 5) W3160—P2723 100,000 9/19 HWV(P1024) Forms W3372/3

ATTACHMENT #2

Commonwealth War Graves Commission. Concentration of Graves (Exhumations and Reburials) Burial Return. <http://archive.cloud.cwgc.org/archive/doc/doc2015101.JPG>

GRAND TOTAL

CONCENTRATION OF GRAVES (Exhumation and Reburials).

BURIAL RETURN.

100/6

68 LAB. COY 9.2.20

MISSINES RIDGE (BRITISH)

WAS CROSS ON GRAVE?

MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION

WERE ANY EFFECTS FORWARDED TO BASE?

Plot

Row

Grave

Map Reference where body found

Name of Cemetery of Reburial

D.A.D.C. SOUTH SUB-AREA No. 5 AREA

1096 14 220

REBURIALS

100E

7/100E

IN MEMORY OF TWO UNKNOWN BRITISH AIRMEN WHO FIGHTING NEAR PONT ROUGE 7.7.17. BURIED BY ENEMY. CROSS ERECTED AND GRAVE TENDED BY ESCORT 166 POW COY 1919

This form to be made out in triplicate, two copies being handed to the D.A.D. (C. of G.) and the other retained by the Burial Officer.

Captain Fitzherbert (Observer)
Lieutenant Battersby (Pilot)

Messines Ridge British Cemetery
Buried Near This Spot 4.E.38 & 39

ATTACHMENT #3

Commonwealth War Graves Commission. *Find War Dead*

<http://www.cwgc.org/find-war-dead.aspx>

Name	Rank	Service Number	Date of Death	Age	Regiment / Service	Service Country	Grave / Memorial Reference	Cemetery / Memorial Name	Docs.
CRAFTER, JAMES A6498	Lieutenant		07/07/1917		Royal Flying Corps	United Kingdom		ARRAS FLYING SERVICES MEMORIAL	
BATTERSBY, PHILIP WORSLEY	Lieutenant		07/07/1917	28	Royal Flying Corps	United Kingdom		ARRAS FLYING SERVICES MEMORIAL	
FITZHERBERT, WYNDHAM WATERHOUSE	Captain		07/07/1917	25	Royal Flying Corps	United Kingdom		ARRAS FLYING SERVICES MEMORIAL	
FOTHERINGHAM, JOHN BEVERIDGE A8281	Lieutenant		07/07/1917	25	Canadian Infantry	Canadian		ARRAS FLYING SERVICES MEMORIAL	
HEWSON, THOMAS	Second Lieutenant		07/07/1917	22	Australian Flying Corps	Australian		ARRAS FLYING SERVICES MEMORIAL	
SNYDER, FREDERICK CARL HENRY	Lieutenant		07/07/1917		Canadian Infantry	Canadian		ARRAS FLYING SERVICES MEMORIAL	

A 7 4 9 3 **A 1 0 2 9**

☒ Initials
☐ Forename

Country (commemorated in)
 Country

Cemetery or memorial
 Arras Flying Services Memorial

War
 Please select

Date of death: (starting)
 07 Jul 1917

Date of death: (ending)

Served with
☐ United Kingdom Forces
☐ Australian Forces
☐ New Zealand Forces
☐ Canadian Forces
☐ Indian Forces
☐ South African Forces
☐ Non-Commonwealth Nationals

Captain Fitzherbert (Observer)
Lieutenant Battersby (Pilot)

Messines Ridge British Cemetery
Buried Near This Spot 4.E.38 & 39

ATTACHMENT #4

[The Sky Their Battlefield II](#). Trevor Henshaw 2014. Fetubi Books, Hertfordshire U.K. Pages 99-100.

7th July

B3483 Nieuport 17 1 Sqn

OP left 7-54am gunshot, returned a'dr 10-11am (2Lt JMSG Stevens Aust. **DoW 14.7.17) leg and hand Δ

9 Sqn ** enemy bombing raid on PROVEN (Capt RH Griffin **KIA**) ▲

A6498 FE2d 20 Sqn

OP Central left 5-21pm AA hit then flames and forced down **MIA (Lt J Crafter MC **POW DoW**/Sgt WDA Backhouse **KIA**) Germans sent message about casualties ['FE' claim combat over HOOGE 6-40pm Ltn W vBülow Ja36] ['FE' claim combat seYPRES 7-45pm Ltn H Bongartz Ja36] Δ

A4606 RE8 21 Sqn

AOB YPRES SALIENT in combat shot down ooc wrecked **MIA (Lt G Leckie **KIA**/Capt HP Osborne Can. **KIA**) left 7-30am ['RE' claim combat nWARNETON 10-35am Vfw F Krebs Ja6] Δ

A7505 DH4 25 Sqn

+* combat with Albatros DV [+ooc] DORIGNIES 1pm OK (Capt J Fitz-Morris MC/Lt DL Burgess MC) Δ

This was the first DH4 claim for 25 Squadron.

A4937 FE8 41 Sqn

LP ARRAS – ST QUENTIN hit by AA after attack on hostile KB 11-15am flt LE CHATELET and crashed **MIA (Lt JC MacGown inj **POW**) left 10am Δ

A1029.A3 Sopwith Strutter 45 Sqn

OP combat with EA then crashed o't EoL **MIA (Lt T Hewson Aust. **KIA**/Lt FCH Snyder **KIA**) aircraft captured, left 3-30pm [?possible 'Sopwith' claims HOUTHEM – WYTSCHAEETE – HOLLEBEKE Ltn FG Anders Ja4 and Vfw J Lautenschlager Ja11: several claims by 45Sqn in area] Δ

A8281 Sopwith Strutter 45 Sqn

OP left 3-30pm **MIA (Lt JVA Gleed **KIA**/Lt JB Fotheringham **KIA**) [?Sopwith' claim near COMINES 5-07pm Ltn H Klein Ja4] [?possible 'Sopwith' claim combat QUESNOY Vfw Block/Vfw Haasler SS21]

A6172, A6183, A6210, A7330, and A7344

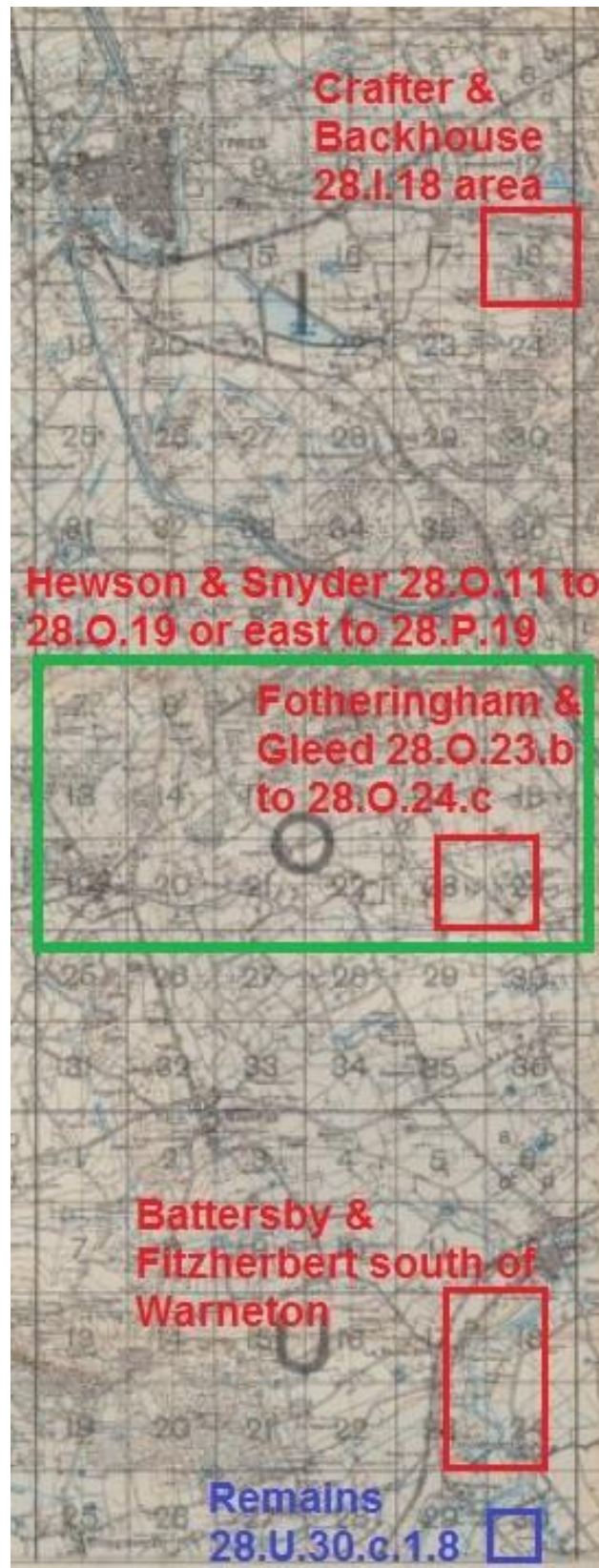
These Sopwith Pups of 54 Squadron were damaged on Bray Dunes aerodrome by an enemy bombing attack. Its purpose was to deplete the Allied resources in the coastal sector in preparation for the German surprise attack at Lombartzyde (see July 10). Most were repairable, but had to be taken off strength.

A7493 DH4 55 Sqn

B down in control over LILLE **MIA (Lt PW Battersby **KIA**/Capt WW Fitzherbert **KIA**) left 8-50am RAMEGNIES – CHIN A'dr, relevant German article in Flight Magazine ['Sopwith' claim combat swWARNETON 11am Oblt E Dostler Ja6] Δ

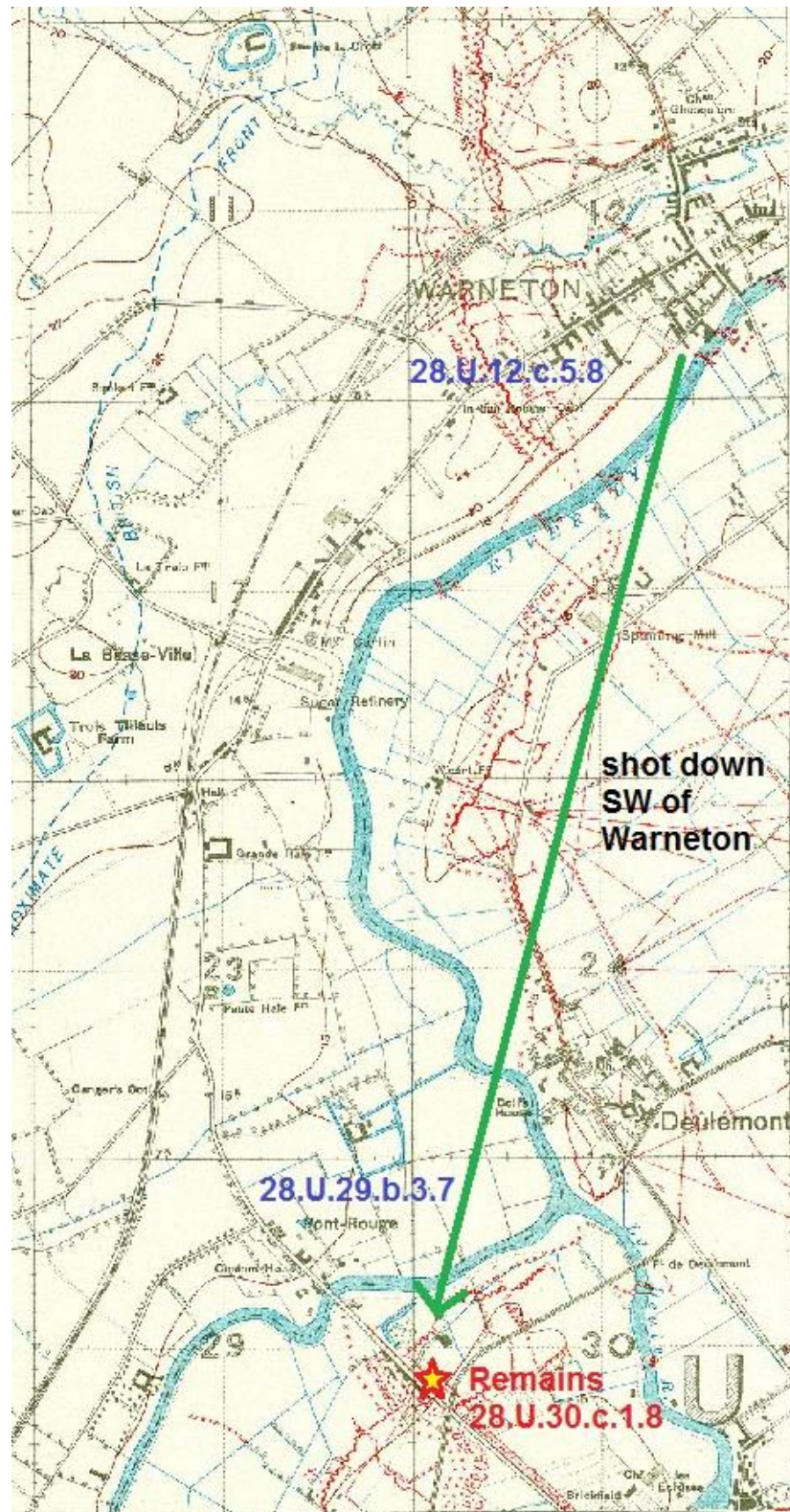
ATTACHMENT #5

Lloyd Reeds Map Collection of McMaster University, Hamilton Ontario Canada. Bapaume Map
389WW1MAP. <http://digitalarchive.mcmaster.ca/islandora/object/macrepo%3A4138/-/collection>



ATTACHMENT #6

The National Archives British Trench Map Atlas.28SW4 Ploegsteert Edition 5A Map wo297_0803
Trenches Corrected 18/07/1917. Naval and Military Press, Uckfield, West Sussex, United Kingdom.



ATTACHMENT #7

Royal Air Force Museum Story Vault. Archives of the Casualty Record Series.

<http://www.rafmuseumstoryvault.org.uk/archive/jeffs-b.f.g.-bertie-frederick-george> (change link)

(91) W5680/167 10.000. 4/17 Cax.P.Ltd. **CASUALTY CARD.** **WYNDHAM WATERHOUSE**

Rank, Name and Unit Fitzherbert. Capt. W.W. Tests completed ☒
A. Sumner Reg. alt. R.F.C. 55. Spn. Went overseas ☐
 Graduated as _____ on (date) _____ At Time of Accident, _____
 Employed as _____

Date Report Received and Official Reference.	Date of Casualty	Where occurred.	Type of Machine.	Nature and Cause of Accident.	Result of Accident.	Name of other Occupant of Machine.	Remarks.
11.7.17. Cox. Ret. 8.7.17. D.M.I. X5282 Accept. of Death. 4897017 18.10.17	7.7.17.	France	de Hav. 4. A.7493	Bomb. raid duty	Missing. Retained. Killed.	Lt P.W. Battersby	Any further details communicate to Cox. Makalman see Cox. 13th 9. German message dropped. File 320306/22 inquiry from EWSC

(91) W5680/167 10.000. 4/17 Cax.P.Ltd. **CASUALTY CARD.** **Philip Worsley**

Rank, Name and Unit Battersby. Lieut. P.W. Tests completed ☒
West. Somerset Yeos (T.) and R.F.C. 55. Spn. Went overseas ☐
 Graduated as T.O. on (date) 6.12.16 At Time of Accident, _____
 Employed as _____

Date Report Received and Official Reference.	Date of Casualty	Where occurred.	Type of Machine.	Nature and Cause of Accident.	Result of Accident.	Name of other Occupant of Machine.	Remarks.
11.7.17. Cox. Ret. 8.7.17. Lt K 60667. 15.10.17. R. of Death. 9/W. Somerset Yeos/562 9.10.17	7.7.17	France. 55 Lf	de Hav. 4. A.7493	Bomb. raid duty	Missing. Killed Off	Lt P.W. Fitzherbert.	File 320306/22 inquiry from J.W.S.C.

ATTACHMENT #8

Headstone photographs by Luc Degrande, 31 December 2016.



Headstone 4.E.38



Headstone 4.E.39

ATTACHMENT #9

This “*Reporting and Review*” attachment is provided to assist all parties in the submission of an investigative report related to the identification of the burial location, or headstone markings, of a member of the Royal Flying Corps during the Great War 1914-1921. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) receives a copy of this report in the event they wish to make changes to the commemoration details. In order to alter the records, the CWGC has set out their criteria for the procedure and submission of cases for review, as detailed below. The CWGC is under no obligation to make changes based on a report.

This process differs from cases related to members of the Canadian Expeditionary Force (CEF) as these do not go first to the CWGC Canadian Agency in Ottawa. We have modified the requirement information noted below to include CWGC criteria from their source material:

Guideline Criteria for Submission:	Evidence and Source Material:
Cases need to present clear and convincing evidence to prove the identity of a casualty and must not be based on assumption or speculation. The Commission's Commemoration Team will also consider whether the findings of a better informed contemporary investigation are being revisited and if there is any new evidence to consider. By way of example, it is unlikely that the Commission would support a revision of the arrangements for the commemoration where it is apparent that no new evidence is being presented and, a better informed previous decision is being revisited some 100 years later.	Un-cited resources cannot be accepted as official evidence. Research conducted on the internet will only be accepted if supplied by a recognised authority such as the CWGC, National Archives etc. Any primary (contemporary) sources <i>e.g. the National Archives, CWGC, and Genealogical website original documentation etc.</i> must be copied and submitted with the case. The relevant pages of any secondary material <i>e.g. published reference books and articles; website material etc.</i> should also be copied and submitted. All sources must be correctly referenced as footnotes throughout the submission as well as cited in a complete bibliography of consulted sources. Referencing is essential to any historical research and should contain some uniform elements.

The following have participated in the preparation, review and submission of this report on a voluntary basis. Those noted below have read the investigative report and compared it to the criteria set out by the CWGC, as a guiding principle, and have agreed to have their name included as part of the review team. The CWGC may contact any of the reviewers at the e-mail address provided below.

Name	Affiliation	E-mail	Contribution
Richard Laughton Canada	Private Researcher LMC Great War Research Company	rlaughton@laughton.ca	Investigator & Report Author
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Luc Degrande Belgium	Private Researcher	luc.degrande@outlook.be	Investigator & Reviewer
Timothy McTague United States	Private Researcher	timtct@verizon.net	Report Reviewer

ATTACHMENT #10

Although not instrumental to this report, the attached document from the Military Service File of Captain Fitzherbert is attached to this report to document that he was a New Zealander serving in the Imperial Forces. We have asked the New Zealand Defence Force for any additional information they may have.

B.R. 37/1100

EXTRACT

Report by High Commissioner No. 25
Dated 10/ 8/ 17

(Original on D. 39/253/25.)

DEFENCE DEPARTMENT.

Fortnightly Report No. 25 by the High
Commissioner on the work of his Department in
reference to matters connected with the European
War and other works of aid and assistance.

I have the honour to report as follows:-

CASUALTIES TO NEW ZEALANDERS SERVING IN
IMPERIAL ENTS.

2nd. Lieutenant T.W. White, 25th Squadron R.F.C.	Missing since 27th July.
2nd. Lieutenant A.W. Gordon, R.F.C.	Wounded 31st. July.
Captain W.R.D. Bell, 1st. King Edward's Horse	Killed in Action 31st. July
75367 Corporal H.G. McLagen, R.F.A.	Died - shell gassed 16/7/17
Lieutenant H.G.F. Mills, R.N.R.	Reported missing 10/7/17
Fit. Sub/Lt. John A.M. Allen, R.N.A.S.	Reported wounded 12/7/17
2nd. Lieut. Hugh D. Hamilton, R.F.C.	Reported Prisoner of war 13/7/17
<u>Capt. W.W. Fitzherbert, Royal Sussex Regiment</u>	Reported missing 7/7/17
Lt.-Col. George H. St Hill, 10th A Derby Regt.	Killed in Action 8/7/17
8300 Sgt. W.A. Robinson 2nd West Yorke Regt.	Died of wounds 11/7/17
2nd. Lieutenant A.H. de Beer, R.F.A.	Killed in action 11/7/17
451091 Rfn W.G. Hutchins, London Regt.	Died Pneumonia 3/7/17

FILE.
15 OCT 1917
A.O.F.

R1
No action
15/10/17


ATTACHMENT #10 (cont'd)

DOMINION OF NEW ZEALAND

Fitzherbert W.W. Capt.
B.R. 37/1100
Imperial Forces

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS.
"DEPUTY, WESTRAN, LONDON."
TELEPHONE NUMBERS.
GERARD 840
841
842
843

WW/B/EM



HIGH COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
STRAND,
LONDON, W.C. 2.

No. 6822

24th July, 1917.

Memorandum from the HIGH COMMISSIONER
To the Honourable The Prime Minister.

DEFENCE DEPARTMENT.

I have the honour to confirm the despatch of my telegram of the 20th instant, reading as follows:-

"Captain W. W. Fitzherbert, Royal Sussex Regiment, attached Royal Flying Corps, reported missing. Lieutenant Colonel George Herbert St. Hill killed in action 8th July, son late Canon St. Hill, Napier. 2nd Lieut. Hugh Douglas Hamilton, Royal Flying Corps, reported Prisoner of War, Military Hospital, Valenciennes, believed transferred to Zerbst, next of kin United Kingdom advised, Mackenzie."

Since despatch of the above mentioned cablegram

no further report has been received regarding Captain Fitzherbert, and no official communication has been received concerning the present whereabouts in Germany of Second Lieutenant Hugh Douglas Hamilton. Immediately any further information is received, it will be duly transmitted.

The next of kin of the above named officers are as follows:-

Captain W. W. Fitzherbert. Next of kin - Mother.
Royal Sussex Regiment. Mrs. Fitzherbert,
Saxen Plat,
Rudgewick,
Sussex.

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22 SEP 1917
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